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1. Effective 1 February 1953, there was to be no more overtime pay in the SMV Purchasing Office. Workers will, in the future, receive only compensatory time for overtime work. Overtime work is discouraged and, when deemed necessary, must be approved by Vdowenko, acting director of the Purchasing Office. It is reported that this order was issued to the personnel at Schwechat refinery and Neusiedl Central Warehouse.¹
2. On 19 February 1953, a Soviet Comptroller requested that the SMV Purchasing Office reduce its purchases to a minimum and refrain from storing large amounts of goods at the warehouses. It was further said that orders of flat steel, sheet iron, corner iron, U-shaped iron, beams and round steel, which were to be imported from the USSR, had been cancelled. In addition, orders for several types of pipe had been reduced.² Allegedly the S.V. is now attempting to produce as much oil as possible without any further investments.
3. The SMV Purchasing Office turnover for the month of January 1953 amounted to 41,470,982.25 schillings.
4. The total SMV Purchasing Office turnover for 1952 amounted to 456,397,599.70 schillings. This figure includes the sale of scrap metal collected in the oil fields and sold to Eisen- und Stahl A.G., Vienna IV, Lothringerstrasse 4, as well as sale of unused material to other firms.
5. About 24 January 1953, SMV personnel requested a renewal of the collective agreement. It was pointed out that private firms and other oil producing firms pay their personnel higher wages than the SMV. Discussions will be opened between the SMV General Directorate and the Zentralbetriebsrat (central labor council) in May 1953.

1. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] reported that these regulations concerning overtime had been
in effect for the last three years.

2 Comment: The reduction of imports from the USSR would aid an economy drive because much of the Soviet material has been poor in quality and high in price.

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